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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL

REF: A) USUN 1102, B) USUN 1645

1. AS INSTRUCTED COPY OF THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL ON NAMIBIA (PARA 2 OF REF B) WAS DELIVERED TO JIOJI KOTOBALAVU (JK), PERMANENT SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON 4 MAY, TOGETHER WITH A PERSONAL NOTE FROM ME CONTAINING THE LANGUAGE OF PARA 4 OF REF A. AFTER THUMBING THROUGH THE PAGES JK EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL AND EQUALLY KEEN APPRECIATION FOR THE GESTURE OF SUPPLYING GOF WITH COMPLETE TEXT.

2. JK WAS PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE TIMING BECAUSE ONLY LAST WEEK THE PRIME MINISTER HAD INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF NAMIBIA AND HAD ASKED FOR A BRIEFING. INSTEAD HE WILL JUST GIVE THE DOCUMENTS TO THE PM WHEN HE COMES BACK IN TOWN ON FRIDAY.

2. JK WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT SAG HAD ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL WHICH HE THOUGHT MAY HELP IMPROVE SOMEWHAT
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SAG'S CURRENT LOW STANDING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE ONLY QUESTION RAISED CONCERNED THE SECURITY FORCES SAG WANTED TO MAINTAIN IN NAMIBIA. WHEN I POINTED OUT THE DETAILED SCHEDULE WHICH PROVIDED FOR COMPLETION OF WITHDRAWAL ONE WEEK AFTER DATE OF CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION HE WAS MOST COMPLIMENTARY OF THE THOROUGHNESS OF THE PROPOSAL.

3. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER AND FRENCH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES
ONLY TWO OF THE OTHER FOUR GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN SUVA
WERE ADVISED POST FACTO OF ABOVE AND JK'S REACTION.
THE SAME WILL BE DONE WITH CANADIAN AMBASSADOR (RESIDENT
IN WELLINGTON) WHO IS CALLING ON AMBASSADOR TODAY.

3. APPARENT DELAY IN TAKING FOREGOING ACTION WAS DUE TO
BACKLOG ACCUMULATED BECAUSE OF ELECTRICITY CUTS IN SUVA
(SUVA'S 687) WHICH RESULTED IN REF B BEING RECEIVED IN
SUVA CLOSE OF BUSINESS OF 3 MAY.
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